

News

CALL FOR PAPERS

Colorado College is pleased to announce that it will host the Sixty-First Annual Meeting of the Society for French Historical Studies on its campus in Colorado Springs from Thursday, April 16, through Sunday, April 19, 2015. Bryant “Tip” Ragan will serve as president of the society for 2015 and will organize the conference.

In keeping with a meeting at a residential liberal arts college, the conference theme will be “Learning and French History.” Topics on the theme may include the history of education and educational institutions; pedagogy and technology; thinkers in the past who were interested in learning; the dynamic dialogue between French history and its sister disciplines; the teaching of French history outside the conventional French history classroom (e.g., off-campus, in film studies); cognition, emotion, and ways of knowing; and intellectual exchanges between Francophone and non-Francophone societies. François Cusset, professor of American civilization at the University of Nanterre, will deliver the plenary address.

The Program Committee welcomes panel proposals on the conference theme as well as panels or papers on all subjects in the history of France, its former colonies, and other Francophone countries. We will make every effort to combine single papers into coherent panels, but we encourage individuals to organize complete panels composed of two or (preferably) three papers with a chair and a commentator. The Program Committee is available to help individuals who would like to develop panels that cut across traditional periodizations but who need assistance in making connections to scholars outside their specialization. Roundtables and other formats will also be considered. In conjunction with H-France and the society’s Technology Committee, we also welcome proposals for sessions to be webcast on topics of broad interest.

In keeping with the conference theme, we would like to encourage panel organizers to experiment with a new panel format, the “textless” panel. The conventional paper, read from a prepared text, has many virtues. Even so, there is much to be said for presenting new research through a more conversational and less scripted delivery. “Textless” panels will be identified in the program so that audience members will know what to expect.

Please do not send proposals for papers that have already been presented or published or that are scheduled for presentation elsewhere. All conference participants must be members of the Society for French Historical Studies in good standing at the time of the conference.

All sessions will be held on the Colorado College campus. A special hotel

rate of \$139 per night has been made available at the Hilton Antlers Hotel, a nice walk from campus. (Transportation will also be provided.) The Antlers will offer a limited number of rooms to graduate students at a rate of \$99 per night.

Proposals (in English or French) must be submitted in digital format to the conference website at www.coloradocollege.edu/sfhs, and instructions on what to include are provided on that website. For additional information or clarification, please e-mail sfhs2015@coloradocollege.edu.

The proposal deadline is September 1, 2014.